



U.S. Department of Transportation
**National Highway Traffic Safety
Administration**

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NVS-215MR
15V-413

Subject: Seat Belts may Rub and Fray/FMVSS 209

Dear Mrs. Bontrager:

This letter serves to acknowledge Goshen Coach's notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the product(s) listed below. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

Makes/Models/Model Years:

GOSHEN/COMMANDER/2013-2015
GOSHEN/CONNECTION/2013-2015
GOSHEN/G-FORCE/2013-2015
GOSHEN/G-FORCE ACCESS/2013-2015
GOSHEN/G-FORCE LTD/2013-2015
GOSHEN/GCII/2013-2015
GOSHEN/IMPULSE/2013-2015
GOSHEN/MAINSTREAM LOW FLOOR/2013-2015
GOSHEN/PACER/2013-2015
GOSHEN/PACER LS/2013-2015
GOSHEN/PACER LTD/2013-2015
GOSHEN/SENTINEL/2013-2015
GOSHEN/SENTINEL UC/2013-2015

Mfr's Report Date: June 24, 2015

NHTSA Campaign Number: 15V-413

Components:

SEAT BELTS:FRONT:WEBBING

Potential Number of Units Affected: 2,432

Problem Description:

Goshen Coach (Goshen) is recalling certain model year 2013-2015 Pacer, Pacer LS, Pacer LTD, GCII, Impulse, Connection, Commander, G-Force, G-Force Access, G-Force LTD, Sentinel, Sentinel UC, and Mainstream Low Floor buses manufactured August 26, 2013, to June 18, 2015. In the affected vehicles, the passenger seat belts may rub against the metal seat frame and fray. As a result, these vehicles fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) number 209, "Seat Belt Assemblies."

Consequence:

A frayed seat belt may fail to properly restrain the seat occupant in the event of a crash, increasing the risk of injury.

Remedy:

Goshen will notify owners, and dealers will install a plastic sleeve over the metal seat frame, and replace any seat belts that show evidence of fraying, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in July 2015. Owners may contact Goshen customer service at 1-877-734-4943.

Notes:

Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to www.safercar.gov.

Under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a), it is illegal for anyone, including a manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or retailer to sell an item of equipment or vehicle that fails to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

We have received Goshen's proposed owner notification letter and it is currently under review. You will be notified of any changes or concerns once our review is complete.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

You are required to submit copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on, or before, 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter.

Your contact for this recall will be Michelle Rice who may be reached by phone at 202-366-1060, or by email at michelle.rice@dot.gov or through the office email at rmd.odi@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



Jennifer Timian
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Office of Defects Investigations
Enforcement